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**RETAILERS CAN APPLY FOR A LICENSE TO SELL LOTTERY TICKETS
- SIGN UP FOR THE GAMES**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem announced that application forms are now available to retailers who want a license to sell lottery tickets. “There has been considerable interest from retailers across the state” said Stenehjem. “A licensed retailer will receive a commission of 5% of gross sales of lottery tickets, so we expect a large number of applications,” he continued.

Almost any type of retail business in North Dakota may apply for a license, including non-profit organizations that have a retail business or conduct games of chance. The application contains several questions, which will aid the North Dakota Lottery in selecting applicants. The application fees cover the license application, credit checks, and criminal history record checks required by law. “The licensing process is another important step toward launching the North Dakota Lottery in the first quarter of 2004. Lottery Director Chuck Keller has worked diligently to come up with forms and instructions that are easy to read and understand,” commented Stenehjem.

The total number of licenses that will be available will be determined in December, when a contract is negotiated with a vendor to install the state's lottery system. Although approximately 325 licenses are expected to be available, the North Dakota Lottery initially plans to select about 300 applicants. Successful retailers should be notified before the end of the year.

A licensed retailer will receive a lottery terminal and other necessary equipment, customer display signs, installation, training, sales assistance, terminal maintenance, and vendor Hotline telephone service, at no charge.

Retailer license application packets can be downloaded directly from the Office of Attorney General's website at www.ag.state.nd.us, picked up from the Lottery Division on the 17th floor of the state capitol, or by calling 328-1574 (local call) or 1-800-326-9240. Applications must be received by October 31, 2003.

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